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Docket Clerk
Marketing Order Administration Branch
Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS
USDA
1400 Independence Ave. S.W. STOP 0237
Washington, D.C. 20250

Gentlemen:

RE: Proposal to exempt 100 percent organic products from paying commodity promotion assessments for 28 fruit and vegetable marketing order programs:

I am in support of this exemption, as was Congress in its directive in the 2002 Farm Bill. The 100% organic products do not benefit from the marketing promotion efforts funded by these marketing order programs, and therefore should not be assessed for what in effect is promotion of competitive products.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Lance Christie".

Richard Lance Christie